

## REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-13 and 15-22 are pending in this application. Claim 1, 2, 4-13 and 15-22 stand rejected, and claim 22 has been withdrawn from consideration in response to a restriction requirement. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended in this Amendment.

In the Office Action mailed January 8, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 6-13 and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wasyluka (3,114,494). Wasyluka discloses a blank formed by two panels connected by connecting parts. Claims 4, 5, 15 and 16 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wasyluka (3,114,494). Wasyluka also discloses a similar structure of the claimed blank except for the connecting part, which Examiner says would be obvious to connect.

Applicant respectfully traverses all of the rejections, and maintains that the claims in their original form are patentable over the cited prior art. However, in an effort to more clearly state the invention being claimed, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 13 to specify that the folded connection between the two panels forms a fold line, and that the first panel is connected to the second panel along a minor part of the fold line.

Claims 1 and 13, as amended, are clearly distinguishable over Wasyluka. In Wasyluka, a fold line is shown as "A-A" in Figure 1, along which two panels are connected for their full coinciding length with the minuscule exception of the starts and finishes of the cuts 33. If container disclosed in Wasyluka were formed as described in

the present application, then wrinkling of the formed container arises as described in the background section of the present application. The present invention eliminates this problem.

For the reasons stated above, all of the pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asks that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If any fees are due in connection with this paper, the Director is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 01-0265

Respectfully submitted,

/ Stephen S. Ashley, Jr. /

Stephen S. Ashley, Jr.  
Attorney for Applicant  
Reg. No. 47,394

ADAMS EVANS, P.A.  
201 South College Street  
Suite 2350  
Charlotte, NC 28244  
Tel: (704) 375-9249  
Fax: (704) 375-0729  
E-mail: [ssa@adamspat.com](mailto:ssa@adamspat.com)  
File No.: 148/359